

THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION

BACKGROUND

Sudanese Disorders on 1 March

1. 1 March visit Nagib to Khartoum to attend opening first Sudanese parliament precipitated clash some 30,000 pro-independence and pro-Egyptian demonstrators and police resulting 20 deaths, including British police commissioner, and over 100 injured.
2. Opening parliament postponed until 10 March. Nagib requested leave Sudan "interests of public security."
3. Pro-independence Umma Party, headed by the Mahdi, defeated November elections by Egyptian-supported National Unionist Party favoring union Egypt.

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4. Tribesmen Ansar sect, religious counterpart
Umma and faithful followers Mahdi, appear in
force in Khartoum shouting "Get out both
British and Egyptians." Spear-bearing
tribesmen charged police.
5. Violence followed wild demonstration 25
February. Unionists on learning Nagib's
removal when crowd shouted: "No union
without Nagib."